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SUBJECT: FRENCH OPPOSITION TO U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO EUROPEAN
REGIONAL GROUP

REF: STATE 144970; PARIS 21022 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR MAILLARD, FRENCH PERMREP, TOLD GRAHAM
LAST WEEK THAT HE WAS PREPARING REPLY TO AID MEMOIRE
LEFT BY AMBASSADOR IRWIN WITH FONMIN JOBERT ON AUGUST 1.
(PARIS 21022) HE SAID THAT FRANCE CONTINUED STRONGLY TO OPPOSE
U.S. ATTENDANCE AS FULL PARTICIPANT AT THE BUCHAREST
CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND THAT HE
EXPECTED THAT THE FRENCH REPLY TO AMB. IRWIN'S AIDE
MEMOIRE WOULD REFLECT THIS OPPOSITION.

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2. MEANWHILE WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE SECRETARY OF

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT FRANCE HAS FORMALLY PROPOSED THE DELETION FROM THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 93RD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ITEM 4.2 CONCERNING INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL MEETINGS. THE FRENCH ARGUMENT IS THAT ONLY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS COMPETENT TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM. IN ADDITION, ISRAEL HAS NOW FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT IT ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP, CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE BY THE ISRAELI PERMREP (SEE PARIS A-582 ITEM 4.2).

3. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN PARA 7 OF PARIS TELEGRAM 19224, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ISRAELI QUESTION IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON REGIONAL GROUPS IS LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE ANY EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE U.S. OR CANADA TO ATTEND AS FULL PARTICIPANTS THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD APPEAR PREFERABLE NOT TO PRESS THE ISSUE. STONE UNQUOTE RUSH

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